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the matter. If, on the other hand, he submitted to whatever punishment the Bear clansmen inflicted on him without resistance and apologized to them, then they would build him a new lodge and supply it with better goods than those which they had been compelled to destroy. 614 625

This is the way in which the soldiers act when they are on duty. They never jest and their word is a command. If it is not immediately obeyed, their next move is to punish. For that reason one generally listens to them and their commands. When they are not on duty they are the same as other people. Different members of the tribe are on duty at different times, for the leader changes them about frequently.

If a field of rice is found in some swamp or lake the Bear clan people are informed and they go over and keep watch over it and give every person an equal chance at picking it. If a person sneaks away and takes advantage of the others, the Bear clan people punish him. [222 262] [685]

The Bear clansmen guard the village almost all the time. When a council is held they guard the council lodge, and when a person is tried for some crime, particularly that of murder, a trial which generally takes place in the Thunderbird clan lodge, then they carefully guard this lodge, lest the prisoner try to escape or his relatives or confederates try to rescue him. [623 692 682]

Certain actions and remarks are not permitted in the Bear clan lodge. They are the following: 614 625 784

To peep into the lodge.

To make the remark that they live in a nice lodge.

To sit in the doorway.

To give a deep sigh or snort inside the lodge.

Should any person do one of these forbidden things, the Bear clansmen would be compelled to give the most valued thing in the lodge to the offender.

If a man seduced a woman, he was brought to the lodge of the Bear clan and severely whipped. If the soldier whipped him too severely, he in turn was whipped. 614 625 684

If a murderer was brought to the Bear clan lodge and the chief of the tribe asked that the man be freed, the rest of the tribe would beg the relatives of the murdered man to relent; but if the murderer was turned over to the soldiers, they would take him to the lodge of the murdered man's relatives and let one of them kill him. [622 682]

According to one informant, the Deer clansmen acted as servants to the Bear clan. 614

The Bear and the Wolf clans are friends, and although, as we indicated on page 201, each clan is paired off with another, the relationship of the Bear and Wolf clans is particularly intimate. It was even claimed that a Bear clansman would revenge the death of a Wolf clansman. For no other clans did the author hear this statement made. The women are addressed by the men and by each other as "my opposite," referring unquestionably to the positions in [551] the council lodge.

§11. *Wandering and Hunting*

After a while I used to get into the habit of going to town. When I got there I would look into the barrels to see if there was any food in them and if there was I would fill my pockets with whatsoever I found. I used to steal a great deal.

About springtime we always moved away from the vicinity of the town. We always moved to the place where my father intended to trap, generally to the neighborhood of some farming community where there were few Indians. There my mother used to make baskets and sell them to the farmers. We also used to circulate a written petition asking for any help people cared to give us. Whenever they went on this kind of a trip I always went along with them, for sometimes people would take pity on us and give us some old clothes. Sometimes we would even get a good meal at some farmer's house. For these reasons I was always envious of those who went along on such journeys.

Occasionally when we got many provisions I had to carry some of them, but I never minded that. When the birds returned north father used to make us bows and arrows and we would then shoot at them and often kill many. We also used to kill squirrels which my grandmother roasted for us. My older brother was a

§18. *My Brother Is Murdered*

*159 Shortly after this my elder brother was killed. We [682] two had grown up together and had hardly ever been [150] separated. I felt quite heartbroken over it. I longed to kill the man who had murdered him. I felt that it would be better if I myself were dead. In this frame *159 of mind I took to drinking a great deal. Indeed it was 273 my wish to die drinking and I would announce this when I was drinking heavily. Up to that time I had drunk secretly, but now I did so openly. Soon I became a confirmed drunkard. By that time I had quite forgotten the fact that I had wanted to die. Indeed I enjoyed drinking very much.

• [685] I got into the habit, then, of giving women whisky and getting them hopelessly drunk and then I would steal anything of value they possessed. I also learned [526] to box and soon became quite expert. I was never defeated, and in consequence treated every one roughly. Every one was afraid of me because of my skill with the gloves. My father was a strong man and so were my elder brothers, and neither of them had ever been [156] defeated at wrestling. For all these reasons I was very arrogant. Besides all this I was very tall. I am six [141] feet two inches high and weigh about two hundred and fifty pounds. In actual fact I was not really as strong

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*159 657 [588] 837 [484] payment. At about the same time, one of the two women with whom I was living was taken away from me. She went to live with another man. When the payment was over here, the superintendent went to Necedah to pay the people there, and I went along, for I was doing what we called "chasing the payment." There, and at Red Hill, I deceived many women, and thus obtained quite a large sum of money. Then I started off with a number of other young men. By this time I was spending all my time drinking.

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*159 484 I got on the train at night. We were to change cars at a place called Honsa and from there we were to ride in a freight car. When we had gone only a short distance the conductor saw us and put us off. We were all drinking heavily. One man had lost his hat and was walking bareheaded. We walked along until we came to a pasture, and there we found some dry wood with which we built a fire. We had decided to sleep there. We had plenty of whisky with us. Late at night we became thirsty and so we looked around for water. We found a number of pools scattered around, and out of these we drank. Then we went to sleep. The next morning when we woke up we saw a good well near us, but we ourselves had drunk out of the water and mud in which pigs had been wallowing.

*159 273 In the morning when the train arrived we boarded it. Eventually we reached our destination, and there found many people, drinking and making a lot of noise. That was exactly the place I had been looking for. Whenever I saw a person drunk I would steal whatever he

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happened to have, for I had become a thief. If I saw a woman drunk, I would steal her, for I was an adulterer. What I was looking for mainly was a woman to cohabit with, for in this way, I was able to get all her money. If any woman wanted to cohabit with me, she would have to give me all the money she had. This is the sort of thing I was doing. In this way I often succeeded in inducing two or three women to live with me at the same time.

After finishing at Necedah the superintendent always went to Tomah to pay the people there, and from Tomah he would proceed to Black River Falls. At Black River Falls the last payment was made, and for that reason it was always an extremely noisy place on such an occasion. All who liked this kind of a life, all who used to chase payments for the fun of it, would be there. Marriages would get badly mixed up here, and there would always be stealing of one another's wives, fighting, robbery, etc. Even those married people who had been faithful to each other up till then, would become unfaithful. Many people would get hurt. When the last payment had been made, all those who had not spent their last cent on drink would begin gambling, the men and women playing poker. Only when our last cent was gone would we stop and settle down. Many of us were generally left without enough money to go home.

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